

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



SF 339 – School Vehicle Transportation Safety (LSB 1029SV)
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Description

Senate File 339 makes changes to inspections for vehicles used to transport students.

Background

Currently, only school buses are required to be inspected by the Department of Education. This Bill expands the requirement for inspections to include all vehicles used to transport children. All vehicles, including buses, that do not pass an inspection, are subject to a subsequent inspection within 30 days. If a vehicle does not pass a subsequent inspection, it is removed from service until the vehicle passes inspection. Additionally, the Bill specifies that the State Board of Education will adopt rules for the inspections of all vehicles and the rules must allow for inspections to be conducted by qualified private automobile mechanics or the Department of Education.

Assumptions

- The Department of Education estimates 1,200 additional vehicles will be inspected twice each year.
- Based on historical data, approximately 480 (40.0%) of the additional vehicles inspected will be found to be deficient and be subject to a subsequent inspection twice each year.
- Based on the last full inspection year, 5,806 vehicles will be deficient and require a subsequent inspection.
- The Department's inspection fee will be \$40 beginning in FY 2014. The cost of private automobile mechanic fees is assumed to be similar to the Department's fees.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the State General Fund.

Beginning in FY 2014, the estimated statewide total cost to local school districts is estimated to be \$366,640. The average cost per school district is estimated to be \$1,054.

Sources

Department of Education
Iowa Administrative Code, [281 – 43.30](#) (updated rule pending approval)

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